

August 3, 2025

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

### Mass Intentions This Week

("✠" Indicates this person is deceased)

#### Saturday, August 2, Weekday

8:00 AM ✠Joel Grande  
by St. Bridget Ladies Guild

#### Sat., Aug. 2, Vigil of 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 PM ✠Brian Martin  
by his family

#### Sunday, August 3, the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM ✠Anna Ruiz  
by her family

11:00 AM ✠Our Parishioners

#### Monday, August 4, Memorial of St. John Vianney

7:00 AM ✠Gary LaBella  
by his wife and daughter

#### Tuesday, August 5, Weekday

8:00 AM ✠Daniel Frances Neyland  
by Neil McMannus

#### Wednesday, August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration

7:00 AM ✠Anne Libasci by her family

#### Thursday, August 7, Weekday

7:00 AM ✠Armando & Inez Araujo  
by their daughter Susan

#### Friday, August 8, Memorial of St. Dominic

8:00 AM ✠All souls in purgatory  
by John Witek

#### Saturday, August 9, Weekday

8:00 AM ✠Deceased members of the  
Lococo family  
by Rosemarie & Claude Victor

#### Saturday, August 9, Vigil of the 19<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

4:00 PM ✠Our Parishioners

#### Sun., August 10, the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM ✠Eileen Friedel & Josephine  
Williams  
by the McLoughlin family

11:00 AM ✠Juliette Fabrizio  
by Donna-Lee and Lou Ann

*Please pray for the departed souls of our loved ones. Grant them perpetual rest and comfort in the arms of our Lord.*

#### New Members of St. Bridget's Memorial Fund

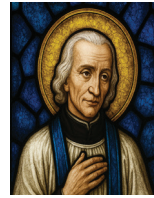
✠**Rolando Remigio**

enrolled by the Marita Perillo & family

✠**Celestine House**

enrolled by Victoria Heslin

Saint Bridget Memorial Fund is for those who wish to "memorialize" their loved ones (living or deceased) in perpetuity. Mass is offered at least once a month for all those enrolled. Memorial cards are available to acknowledge the enrollment. Please contact the parish office to enroll your loved ones.



**Parish Vocation Ministry** - This Monday is the Feast of St John Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests. Please thank our priests and pray with the parish vocation ministry for all our priests !

*"God, please give to your Church today many more priests after your own heart. May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd. May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance; be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments. May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary his Mother be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen." – prayer by St. John Vianney*



#### VIRTUS AWARENESS TRAINING:

The Diocese of Bridgeport remains fully committed to upholding the highest standards set forth in the U.S.C.C.B. Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and as Catholics, we must continue to do all that is possible to ensure the safety of children, youth and vulnerable adults in our community.

**We encourage everyone to log in on to the Virtus website for updates and to be sure your account is current. Non-compliant accounts will be deleted!**

In 2020 the DOB issued revised the Safe Environment handbook. There is a link on our website to review the revised document. The renewal of criminal background checks and Safe Environment training related to the policies contained within the revised 2020 Safe Environment Handbook, will continue for all members of the clergy, lay employees, tenants, vendors, independent contractors, volunteers every five or ten years based on their ministry.

**Deacon Ernie will conduct a Virtus training session at St. Bridget's on Wednesday, August 13 at 6:30 PM. Go to Virtus.org online to register to attend.**

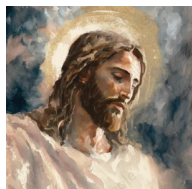
#### ~ Financial Support of Our Parish~

*"Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to." Deuteronomy 15:10*

July 27, 2025

Amount received:	2025	same week in 2024
Weekly	\$2,363.00	\$2,248.00
Cao Improvements	\$ 616.00	\$ 832.00
Online Giving	\$1,808.00	\$1,258.00
Poor box	\$ 25.00	\$ 23.00
Candles	\$ 234.00	\$ 204.00

*Thank you for your support. Your gifts help us to reach the weekly budgeted amount necessary to run our Parish.*



## The Danger of Greed and the Call to Heavenly Wisdom

This Sunday's readings offer a striking reflection on the fleeting nature of earthly possessions and the call to set our hearts on what truly matters: life with God. The central message is clear—greed distorts our priorities, while wisdom teaches us to live for what is eternal.

The first reading, from the Book of Ecclesiastes (1:2; 2:21–23), begins with the famous cry: “Vanity of vanities! All is vanity!” The preacher, traditionally identified as Qoheleth, reflects on the emptiness of toiling day after day for wealth and success, only to leave it behind to someone else. The passage challenges us to consider how much of our energy is spent on things that will not last. What does it profit us to labor for riches, if they bring anxiety and sleepless nights, and if, in the end, they do not accompany us beyond the grave?

St. Paul, in the second reading from Colossians (3:1–5, 9–11), brings this message into the light of the Gospel. He urges the faithful to “seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.” As Christians, we are called to live not according to the passing desires of this world, but in the new life we have received in Christ. Paul encourages us to “put to death” the earthly parts of ourselves—especially “greed, that is idolatry.” Greed is not just a bad habit; it replaces God in our hearts. True life comes not from possessions, but from our union with Christ.

In the Gospel (Luke 12:13–21), Jesus is approached by a man asking Him to intervene in a family inheritance dispute. But Jesus refuses to be drawn into the matter and instead uses the opportunity to teach a parable. He tells of a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. Rather than sharing his surplus or thanking God, the man hoards it, building larger barns and telling himself he can now “rest, eat, drink, and be merry.” But God calls him a fool: “This night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?”

Jesus ends with this sobering truth: “Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” The parable is not about condemning wealth itself, but about warning us against a false sense of security rooted in possessions. The problem is not having riches, but being possessed by them.

As Catholic Christians, these readings call each of us to examine our lives with honesty. What occupies most of our time, our energy, our thoughts? Are we living for temporary gain or eternal glory? Do we define ourselves by what we own, or by who we are in Christ?

Let us ask the Lord this week to give us the grace of detachment, the wisdom to value what matters most, and the courage to be “rich in the sight of God.” In doing so, we will find true peace, lasting joy, and treasure that neither rust nor moth can destroy.

- Fr. Jim Bates, Pastor

## 2024-25 Faith Formation Registration: St. Bridget/



St. Maurice Faith Formation registration is open. The Faith Formation program aims to support parents, the primary educators of their children, in teaching their children the Catholic faith. Our experienced and caring team of instructors are committed to providing a warm and supportive environment where your child can explore their faith.

Please visit the St. Bridget of Ireland website: [stbridgetofireland.com](http://stbridgetofireland.com), click on “parish life” and



scroll down to choose the Religious Education page, or scan the QR Code. There you will find the Registration letter, registration forms (part 1 & part 2), both of which are required, as well as the class calendar. Registration forms 1 & 2 must be completed and sent to [Religious.ed@stbridgetofireland.com](mailto:Religious.ed@stbridgetofireland.com) to complete the registration process.

All classes will start at 9:45 am on September 7, 2025. You must register before Aug 20th. Any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [Religious.ed@stbridgetofireland.com](mailto:Religious.ed@stbridgetofireland.com).

Birthright needs gently worn maternity and baby clothing. Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering fee pregnancy test, friendship counseling, and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born.

Birthright volunteers have served in Connecticut since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world! There are seven Birthright centers in our state.

Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you to arrange to drop off donations. Thank-you.



## Catholicism & Religious Pluralism

**The beautiful identity our Catholic Faith bestows amidst a religiously diverse society**

Key note speaker:

**Father Brian Gannon, Pastor & RA**  
**Monday, September 22, 2025 7PM**  
**St. Theresa Church**  
**5301 Main St. Trumbull**  
**Lower Parish Center**  
**Come and learn more**  
**about the Lay Dominicans.**  
**Bring a friend to our open house.**  
**Light refreshments served.**



Our Lady of Fatima #117  
 Lay Fraternity of Saint  
 Dominic

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